



**COMMISSION ON STATUS OF WOMEN
SAN LUIS OBISPO COUNTY
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**REPORT ON ACTIVITIES
2012/2013**

MAY 2013

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Mission Statement

The San Luis Obispo County Commission on the Status of Women is an official advisory body to the San Luis Obispo County Board of Supervisors. It is an advocate for the equal rights and for the agencies and programs that support the health, socioeconomic, and professional well-being of women in our community.

The Commission enhances the quality of women's lives by identifying key issues that face women in SLO County and by recommending solutions for those issues. It facilitates action by sponsoring projects and by serving as the coordinating body for the various community organizations that are dedicated to women. The Commission's goal is to increase collaborative efforts among groups to influence public policy.

Current Roster

District One: Consuelo Meux, Stephanie Yurchak, *ONE VACANCY*

District Two: Jan Harper, Vicki Milledge, Paulla Ufferheide

District Three: *THREE VACANCIES*

District Four: Kathy Veder, *TWO VACANCIES*

District Five: Shelly Blanc, Alexandria Helms, Shawna Scott

Report on Activities 2012/2013

Goal: Collaboration and Visibility

1. Day With Creative Women (August 2012):
 - Staffed event information booth
 - Conducted surveys
2. Website - www.slowomen.org:
 - Commission website functioning
 - Meeting agenda and minutes posted
 - Commission's 2013 survey available for online completion and submittal
3. Commission Status (Gained):
 - Stephanie Yurchak, District 1
4. Commission Status (Lost):
 - Rebecca Collie, District 1
 - Jan Potter, District 3

- Dianne Tuttle, District 3
 - Patricia Duron, District 4
5. March 2013 CSW Retreat, productive working meeting including discussion and strategy on:
- Yearly survey process for further and more diverse reach to women within our communities
 - March 2014 event
 - Job descriptions discussion - Chair, Vice-Chair, Treasurer, Secretary - defined, developed
6. Commission Survey Status, 2012 (complete):
- 2012 compilation completed and distributed
7. Commission Survey Status, 2013 (in process):
- Updated and fine-tuned both English and Spanish versions
 - Prepared distribution strategy to gain wider and more diverse visibility within County
 - Commissioners to reach out to agencies, organizations, and groups including, but not limited to, the following:
 - ♦ Alzheimer/Dementia Resource Center
 - ♦ Area on Aging County Association of University Women (AAUW)
 - ♦ Atascadero Senior Center
 - ♦ Echo Homeless Shelter
 - ♦ Gay and Lesbian Alliance
 - ♦ Hospice of San Luis Obispo
 - ♦ Latino Outreach
 - ♦ League of Women Voters
 - ♦ Morro Bay Senior Center
 - ♦ North County Women's Resource Center
 - ♦ Paso Robles Homeless Lunch
 - ♦ Paso Robles Senior Center
 - ♦ San Luis Obispo Business Women
 - ♦ San Luis Obispo Cattle Women
 - ♦ San Luis Obispo County Jail
 - ♦ San Luis Obispo Homeless Shelter/Prado Day Center
 - ♦ San Luis Obispo Republican and Democratic Women
 - ♦ San Luis Obispo Women's Shelter
 - ♦ Sexual Assault and Recovery Program
 - ♦ South County Hispanic population
 - ♦ South County People's Kitchen
 - ♦ Women Vets San Luis Obispo
 - County printing of surveys for distribution
 - June 2013 meeting - finalize and distribute packets to Commissioners

8. Meeting Speakers and Presentations to Commission at start of monthly meeting:
 - Ian Parkinson, San Luis Obispo County Sheriff
 - Cheryl Price, Red Cross
 - Karen Jones, San Luis Obispo ElderCare, Ombudsman
9. Annual National Association of Commissions for Women Conference/NACW:
 - July 2012 - two Commissioners attended and presented summary report to Commission
10. Association of California Commissions for Women:
 - Commission attendance at annual retreat and working meeting
 - Meeting attendance/participation
 - Committee participation
 - San Luis Obispo County Commission continues solid presence within this organization

Planned Goals and Objectives 2013/2014

1. Fully staffed Commission
 - Continue to work with Board of Supervisors
 - Continue collaboration with various County organizations and agencies for appointees with commitment
 - Inspired and committed passion and energy
2. CSW Survey
 - Widen distribution to reach diverse County population
 - Collect over 500 surveys during 2013 survey year
 - Consolidate and report findings in annual report
 - Reach out to diverse groups within the County (see list noted in #7 of current year's accomplishments)
3. Continue monthly meeting speakers to provide information/education and collaboration opportunities to Commission
4. Hold successful March 2014 Event (Women's History Month)
5. Continue building communication and collaboration tools:
 - Website
 - Distribution list
 - Networks
6. Have fun working together

Annual Budget***Thriving Commission: \$4,600***

EXPENSE	AMOUNT
Dues	
National Association of Commissions for Women (NACW)	\$100.00
Association of California Commission for Women (ACCW)	\$50.00
Community Outreach	
Day With Creative Women	\$75.00
March 2014 Event	\$1,000.00
Woman of the Year	\$100.00
Conventions and Meetings	
NACW (registration and two nights lodging)	\$1,500.00
Annual Retreat	\$125.00
Public Hearings/Meetings within State (CA Vet, ACCW, other CA Commissions)	\$500.00
Operational Costs	
Printing/Reproductions (Survey, Brochure)	\$500.00
Website Management	\$400.00
Postage	\$100.00
Telephone Line/County Voicemail	\$50.00
Badges/Name Tags/Business Cards	\$100.00
TOTAL	\$4,600.00

Sustaining Commission: \$3,000

EXPENSE	AMOUNT
Dues	
NACW	\$100.00
ACCW	\$50.00
Conventions and Meetings	
NACW (registration and two nights lodging)	\$1,200.00
Annual Retreat	\$100.00
Public Hearings/Meetings within State (CA Vet, ACCW, other CA Commissions)	\$500.00
Operational Costs	
Printing/Reproductions (Survey, Brochure)	\$300.00
Website Management	\$150.00
Postage	\$100.00
Telephone Line/County Voicemail	\$50.00
Badges/Name Tags/Business Cards	\$50.00
Advertising (public notices)	\$400.00
TOTAL	\$3,000.00

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**San Luis Obispo County Commission on Status of Women
Women's Issues Survey 2012**

There were a total of 254 surveys submitted. However, 15 surveys were eliminated from the sample for not being from San Luis Obispo County or, mainly, for not having filled out the reverse side of the survey. The total number of surveys in the sample is 239.

1. On a scale of 1 to 10 where 1 means poor and 10 means excellent, how do you rate the overall quality of life for you and your family here in San Luis Obispo County? (Please circle one of the numbers 1 to 10 that best represents the overall quality of life for you and your family.)

Rating	Percent
1	2.2% (5/225)
2	2.7% (6/225)
3	1.3% (3/225)
4	5.3% (12/225)
5	5.3% (12/225)
6	6.2% (14/225)
7	13.8% (31/225)
8	23.1% (52/225)
9	20.0% (45/225)
10	20.0% (45/225)

14 respondents did not answer this question.

2. How secure do you feel about your physical health?

Slightly secure /not at all	32.4% (68/210)
Secure	45.7% (96/210)
Extremely/Very secure	21.9% (46/210)

29 respondents did not answer this question.

3. How secure do you feel emotionally?

Slightly secure /not at all	34.5% (76/220)
Secure	41.4% (91/220)
Extremely/Very secure	24.1% (53/220)

19 respondents did not answer this question.

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